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Application of:
ALVEBY, Nils et al.
Continuation in Part of U.S. Application
Serial No. 09/980,294, filed Nov. 29, 2001
Title: A TEATCUP LINER, A TEATCUP AND
A MILKING MEMBER

TRANSMITTAL

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A TEATCUP LINER, A TEATCUP AND A MILKING MEMBER

and invented by:

ALVEBY, Nils;
KASSIBRAHIM, Jan; and
NORESSON, Viktoria

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7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)

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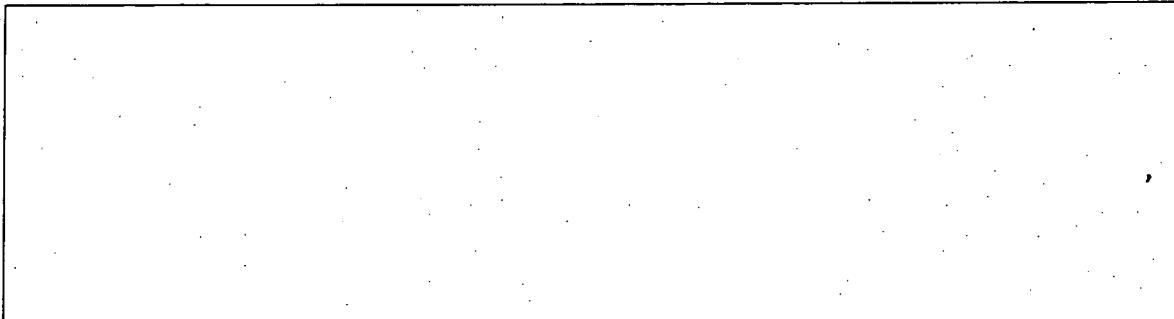
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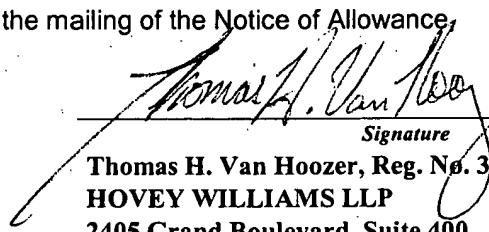
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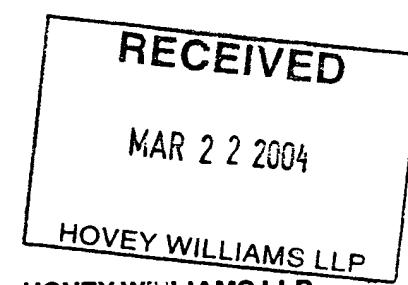
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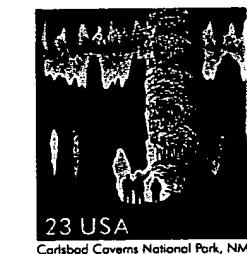
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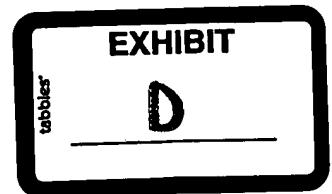
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